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2. Alphabetical Designators Coordinated with information reported herein, specific items on overlay to HO Chart 4197 are cited by alphabetical designators as follows:

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A - Approach line
B - Pilot boarding point
C - Control point
D - Anchorage
E - Berth
F - Location of Soviet tanker
G - Location of Italian cargo ship and of a Soviet tanker on a previous call
H - Berth on previous call
I - Navy wharf
J - Berth for Rumanian destroyer
K - PC berthing
L - Road access to sources' dock
M - Oil Co office
N - Area where vision obstructed
O - Petroleum tanks

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4. Pilotage [redacted] pilots are available, are compulsory and operate during daylight hours. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

5. [redacted]

6. Anchorage [redacted] limited quarantine anchorage is located at point D. [redacted] anchorage was undertaken at this point; holding ground was described as good in about 20 feet of water. 50X1-HUM

7. Lighterage [redacted] there were no lighters available in port. 50X1-HUM

8. Berthing and Turning At point E, the outboard face of the petroleum pier, there is berthing room for two ocean vessels with 28 to 30 feet of water alongside. No unusual shiphandling difficulties were encountered in berthing or turning, and the harbor generally is considered safe and free from unfavorable winds or currents.

9. Utilities Excellent drinking water of potable quality requiring no treatment is available in abundant supply. It is delivered by dockside pipeline, of 2½-inch diameter, at a rather slow rate of flow. Boiler water is also available of good quality and in abundant supply. The boiler water pipeline and rate of flow are similar to that of the drinking water facilities. Electric lighting system at dockside was considered adequate.

10. Fuel Fuel oil is available at dockside from a 16-inch pipeline with a 10-inch hose connection to shipboard. The rate of flow is approximately 300 gallons per hour. Pipeline was described as being in poor condition with leaks therein actually noted.

11. Supplies [redacted] adequacy of the service could not be ascertained. [redacted] provisions stores of lettuce and carrots [redacted] were found to be so old that consumption was impossible. 50X1-HUM

12. Communications Telegraph and telephone facilities are available in port.

13. Clearance Facilities There are no marginal tracks alongside dock by point E. Road access to dock is afforded by roadway along point L, which branches near the petroleum tanks at point O, one arm in an eastward direction by the oil company office at point M and the other northward by the railroad towards town. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted]

14. General Port Conditions Nothing in the way of new construction or repair and maintenance work on equipment or facilities was noted.

15. Weather Good weather [redacted] the season of the year being mid-summer. 50X1-HUM

16. Quay Details Quay at point E is concrete construction with an apron width of about 70 feet. [redacted] two or three transfer sheds approximately where noted on HO 4197, of wood construction with corrugated roof and windows which had broken panes of glass in them. There were no cranes or other cargo handling equipment present. 50X1-HUM

17. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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18. Health and Sanitation Sanitary conditions in port were described as poor, inasmuch as raw sewage is dumped into harbor.

19. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

20. Merchant Shipping [redacted] cargo vessel at designator G. She was a large ocean-going type of old construction. At designator F, an old Soviet tanker was berthed. Estimated at three thousand gross tons, the vessel was of old construction, badly in need of paint and was lifting a cargo of fuel oil. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] a large Soviet tanker of new construction was noted at designator G. This vessel was around eight thousand gross tons, had a short hull with high superstructure.

21. Naval Vessels [redacted] four small craft berthed at the east breakwater, which is the navy pier shown by designator I. These craft were nested right angles to the pier at the position of designator K. They appeared to be patrol craft and were of two distinct types: two being about 150 feet in length similar to number 55 of the USSR Sighting Guide but possessing a large superstructure amidships and having twin machine gun mounts aft; the others were approximately 75 feet long, similar to but smaller than number 57 of the USSR Sighting Guide, resembling German design. At designator J a large destroyer flying Rumanian colors was berthed. It had two twin open gun mounts forward housing four to five inch caliber guns and many smaller caliber guns aft. The superstructure was high with a prominent mast platform. 50X1-HUM

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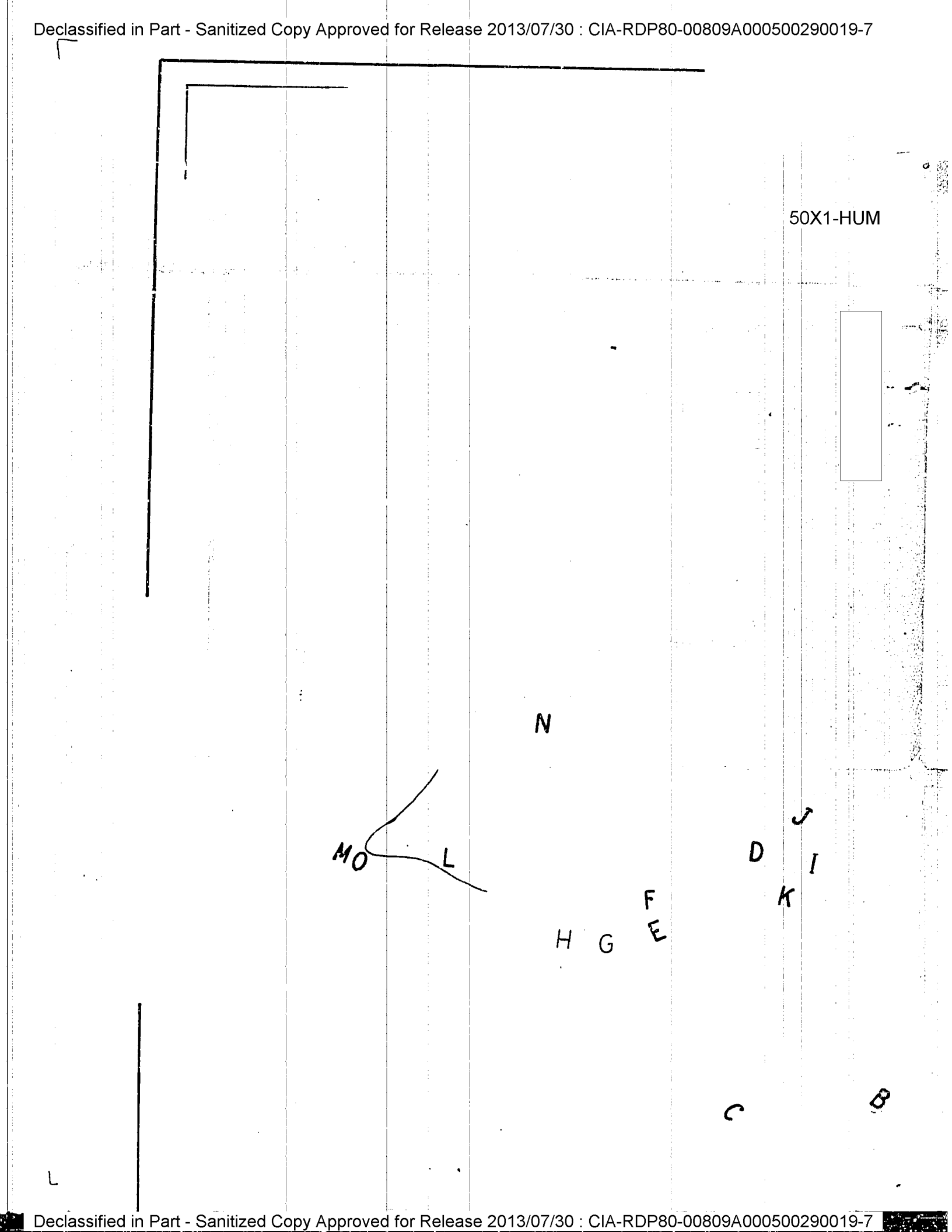

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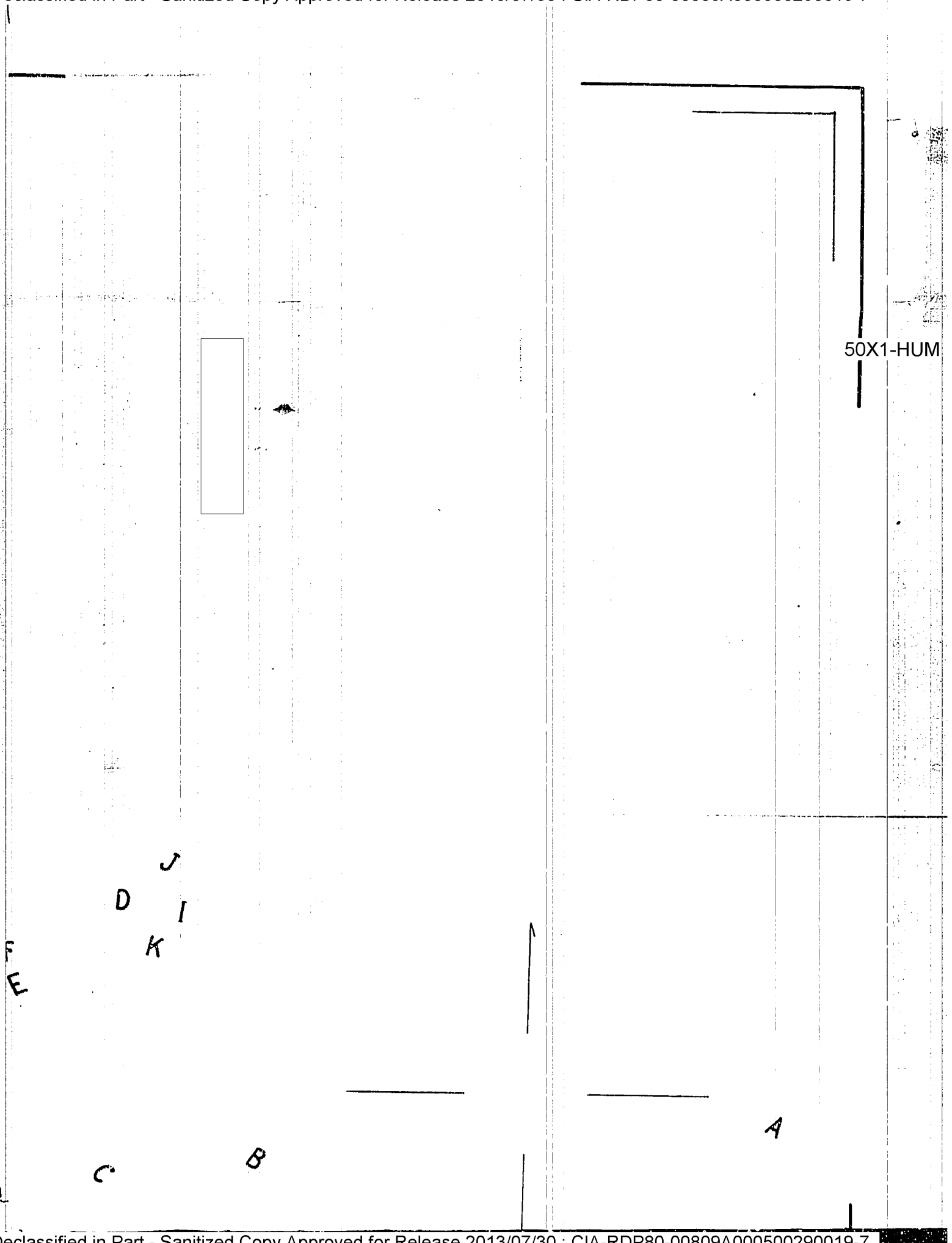

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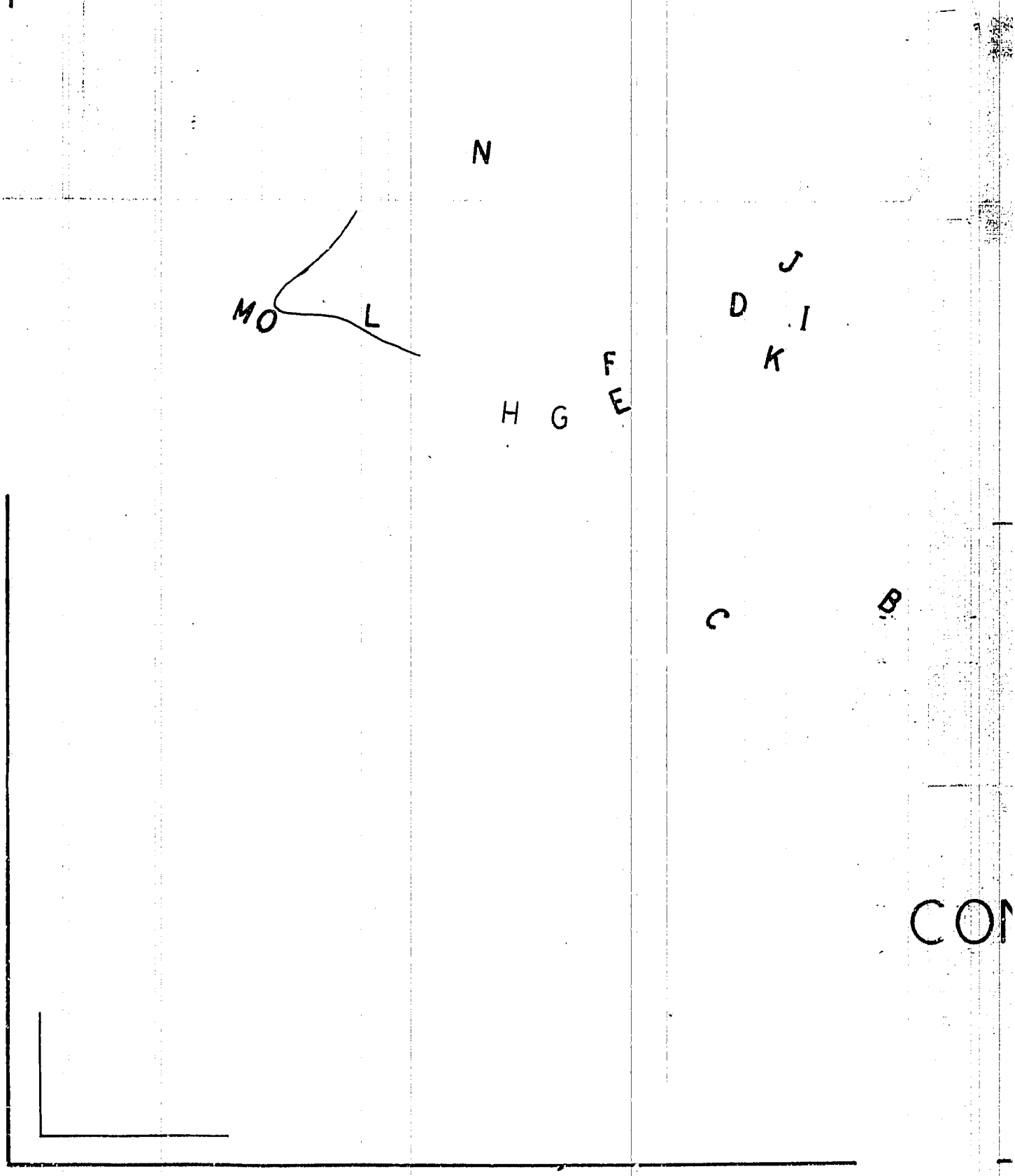

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